E-GRANTS PROJECT STATUS REPORT – October 6, 2006

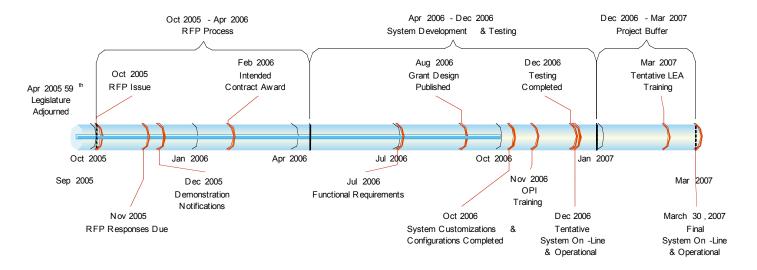
PROJECT OVERVIEW

E-Grants will be a web-enabled system for K-12 education and will support the grant application process from allocation of funds and application for funding through payment accountability, reporting to the grantor and grant closeout for both state and federal grants. E-Grants will be accessible to all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and other subgrantees via the Internet without need for installing any special software or hardware.

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) released RFP06-1200O on October 7, 2005 and entered into contract OPI06-1200O on March 24, 2006 with MTW Solutions, LLC to purchase and make the necessary adjustments to their Grants Management System (GMS).

PROJECT TIMELINE

While some milestones are slightly pushed back, the project is within the Tentative System On-Line milestone for the month of December. The Final System On-Line milestone on March 30, 2007 is the firm deadline for E-Grants to be operational.



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Milestone/Deliverable 6 completed. The first version of Grant Design including: NCLB Consolidated; Carl Perkins; IDEA Part B, and IDEA Preschool (designed pages) delivered so OPI could start testing (see Project Deliverables Tracking below).
- Overview for OPI internal testing and issue reporting process/documentation for E-Grants project team/testers.
- Started reviewing draft versions of E-Grants Test Plan, Training Plan and Implementation Plan.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES TRACKING

Deliverable Name	Date MTW Submitted	Date OPI Review Due	Status
Milestone 1: Project Governance Procedures developed and accepted	4/28/2006	5/9/2006	Accepted
Milestone 2: Development Environment & Source Libraries established	4/28/2006	5/9/2006	Accepted
Milestone 3: Functional Requirements Document Version 2	6/30/2006	7/05/2006	Accepted
Milestone 4a: GMS Installed – 1 st Payment	5/16/2006	5/26/2006	Accepted
Milestone 4b: GMS Product Installed 2nd Payment (90 Days after Milestone 4a)	8/24/2006	9/04/2006	Accepted
Milestone 5: OPI Test Environment Readied	5/16/2006	5/26/2006	Accepted
Milestone 6: 1st Version of Grant Design Published to OPI for Review	9/08/2006	9/15/2006	Accepted
Milestone 10a: Organization Tool – Integration with OPI Organization Repository Data Version 1	8/09/2006	8/16/2006	Accepted
Milestone 12a: GMS Design Tool Training	8/25/2006	9/05/2006	Accepted

WORK FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

None

WORK NOT FINISHED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE

Design Security Integration with ePass Montana – On Hold.

DOA/ITSD's ePass.NET tool kit has not been available, was originally scheduled for 8/23/2006 and has been pushed back to 10/18/2006. OPI has decided to move forward without ePass and will readdress it upon the release of the ePass.NET tool kit and/or towards the end of the project. See Project Plan for additional information.

Milestone 7: 2nd (Final) Version of Grant Design Published to MOPI for testing – Scheduled for the end of October.

NEXT STEPS

Continue the customize/configuration phase where the focus is on;

- Finalize work on E-Grants Milestone/Deliverable 7
- o Start training OPI technical staff on E-Grants Administration and Support
- Ready production system

Within the customize/configure phase, the initial draft of the following grants will be completed.

- o Carl Perkins,
- o Title 1-A Basic,
- o Title 2-A,
- o Title 2-D Ed Tech,
- o Title 3-A English Acq,
- o Title 4-A SDFSC.
- o Title 5-A Innovative,
- o Title 6-A-2 Transfer,
- o Title 6-B-1 SRS,
- o Title 6-B-2 Rural,
- o IDEA Part B, and
- o IDEA Preschool
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o Migrants			
OPI staff will develop other grants not listed above once the initial E-Grants project has been complete.			